Office of the Washington State Auditor
Pat McCarthy

May 3, 2022

Board of Directors and Superintendent Dr. Deborah Rumbaugh
Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401
26920 Pioneer Hwy
Stanwood, WA 98292

Dear Dr. Rumbaugh,

The State Auditor's Office recognizes Stanwood-Camano School District's dedication to improving government. The Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Finance staff have always taken a proactive approach in their accountability over public funds and promote the spirit of cooperation during the audit process.
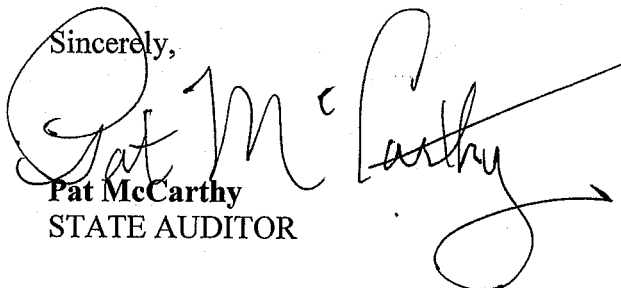
Executive Director of Business Services Steve Lidgard and Fiscal Supervisor Lisa Beckt have prioritized a strong control environment in administering federal grants, preparing financial statements and maintaining general fiscal operations. Although not required, the District requests an annual audit to ensure it is accountable to the public. Staff are proactive, quick to address audit recommendations or necessary corrections, and are vocal about the value they see in their relationship with our Office.

At the onset of the pandemic, the District was in the midst of an onsite audit. Staff responded quickly and efficiently transitioned to a successful remote format that focused on open and timely communication. The District continued to work closely with auditors, including proactively providing documentation so auditors could stay productive while District staff had to focus elsewhere. As we move into the third cycle of remote audits, the District continues to collaborate with our Office to make audits more efficient. Staff ensure audits are completed timely while also valuing the health and safety of everyone involved.

It is apparent the District's management and staff want to be accountable to residents and good stewards of public funds. The District understands the value of our audits and has fostered a positive and professional working relationship with our Office.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the people of Washington.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy
STATE AUDITOR